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Letter dated 11 January 2006 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present 20 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states as follows:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (2004 and 2005) are as follows:

Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Afghanistan	14 400
Central African Republic	342 800[a]
Chad	16 600
Comoros	745 900[a]
Congo	8 800
Côte d'Ivoire	162 700
Dominica	18 800
Dominican Republic	391 000
Eritrea	6 100
Georgia	5 409 200[a]
Guinea-Bissau	491 200[a]
Liberia	1 134 500[a]

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Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Nauru	18 700
Niger	324 600[a]
Papua New Guinea	90 200
Republic of Moldova	38 100
Sao Tome and Principe	591 400[a]
Seychelles	30 600
Somalia	1 018 400[a]
Tajikistan	1 013 700[a]

[a] In its resolution 60/237 of 23 December 2005, the General Assembly decided that the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, the Niger, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and Tajikistan should be permitted to vote in the Assembly until the end of its sixtieth session.

(*Signed*) Kofi **Annan**
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